INFORMATION

The Western Australian Department of Education makes available a student Boarding Away from Home Allowance (BAHA) to families with children who are attending primary and/or secondary school.

The allowance for 2017 for the full year is $2,105 subject to confirmation that you have received the Commonwealth Government Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) allowance or Second Home Allowance for the whole of the year.

The payment is available on a pro-rata basis for those who have only received the AIC allowance for part of the year, but will not be paid for boarding periods covering less than one month.

Applications must be completed annually.

ELIGIBILITY

The BAHA allowance is only available to parents/guardians who permanently reside in Western Australia, and have qualified for the Commonwealth Government Department of Human Services (Centrelink) (AIC) allowance and have children who attend a primary and/or secondary school located in Western Australia. Students enrolled full time at a tertiary institution (e.g. TAFE) are not eligible.

To be eligible to receive the BAHA, you must supply proof with your application that you have prior approval from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) to receive the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) allowance or Second Home Allowance. Furthermore, your principal place of residence must be geographically isolated in accordance with AIC guidelines.

Confirmation of Eligibility (Important)

The applicant is required to provide a photocopy of a statement/letter for the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) allowance or Second Home Allowance that you will have received from Centrelink with the application.

The applicant must be the parent/guardian who is legally responsible for the student’s care, welfare and development and whose name appears on the AIC advice received from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink).

Applications that do not comply with these requirements will be returned for correction.

From time to time, the Department will conduct random audits to ensure applicants meet the eligibility guidelines.

APPLYING

Please complete the attached application form and return it to the Department of Education as soon as possible along with the supporting documentation.

Please use a separate form for each student.

PROCESSING

In early Term 4, we will verify AIC payments for the remainder of the year through the enrolment status of the student with their relevant boarding provider. When this is acknowledged, the payment process commences.

Should your details change at any time during the year, please notify the Department of Education.

PAYMENTS

Although applications may be submitted earlier in the year please be aware that payments are not made until the fourth term of each year.

In cases where a student attends a Country High School Hostels Authority residential College (i.e. Albany, Broome, City Beach, Esperance, Geraldton, Merredin, Narrogin, Northam, St James Residential College Moora); or where a student attends a WA College of Agriculture (i.e. Cunderdin, Denmark, Harvey, Morawa, Narrogin), the payment will be sent directly to the boarding provider.

Where the student attends another boarding facility, the payment may be sent to either the boarding provider or directly to the parent.

Please indicate your payment preference on the application form. Payment is made subject to all application requirements being met.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Schools Resourcing and Support Directorate
Department of Education
151 Royal Street
EAST PERTH WA 6004

Telephone: (08) 9264 4516
Facsimile: (08) 9264 5162
Email: student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au

The closing date for applications is Friday, 24 November 2017.
Applications close 24 November 2017

NOTE: PLEASE RETAIN A PHOTOCOPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS

SURNAME

FIRST NAME

STREET (Residential Address)

SUBURB

POSTCODE

TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBER

POSTAL ADDRESS (if different to Residential Address)

EMAIL ADDRESS

STUDENT CENTRELINK (AIC) REFERENCE NUMBER


STUDENT DETAILS

SURNAME

FIRST NAME

YEAR LEVEL

DATE OF BIRTH

SCHOOL ATTENDING

WACOA - Denmark

BOARDING PROVIDER DETAILS

LENGTH OF BOARDING

☑ Full year

☑ Term 1

☑ Term 2

☑ Term 3

☑ Term 4

BOARDING PROVIDER TYPE

☑ CHSHA Residential College

☑ Private School

☑ WA College of Agriculture

☑ Rotary Residential College

☑ Second Home

☑ Private Boarding

BOARDING PROVIDER NAME

WACOA - Denmark

BOARDING PROVIDER ADDRESS

872 South Coast Highway, Denmark WA 6333

PAYMENT TO (Please tick)

☑ Student attends CHSHA Residential College (payment will be made directly to college)

☑ Student attends WA College of Agriculture (payment will be made directly to college)

☑ Boarding Provider

☑ Parent/Guardian (please provide bank account details below)

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (Complete only if Parent/Guardian ticked above)

Payments will only be made by EFT

Account Name: [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

BSB Number: (6 digits) [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Account Number: (up to 9 digits) [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Not Applicable

PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION

☑ I HAVE ATTACHED A STATEMENT/LETTER FROM CENTRELINK CONFIRMING I AM RECEIVING THE ASSISTANCE FOR ISOLATED CHILDREN BOARDING ALLOWANCE OR SECOND HOME ALLOWANCE IN 2017

- The student named is required to board away from home or live in a second home in order to attend a school offering tuition at the appropriate level.
- I am the student’s natural parent or the student’s legally adoptive parent or another person legally responsible for the student (such as a step-parent or legal guardian) and I am responsible for the student’s care, welfare and development.
- I am a permanent resident in Western Australia.
- I will advise the Department of Education of any change in my place of residence or of any other circumstance affecting payment of the allowance.
- The information I have given on this form is true and correct and I understand that action may be taken if false or misleading information is provided.
- I authorise the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) to verify my current benefit status and other pertinent details to gain this entitlement.

*Information obtained from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) will only be used to verify eligibility for BAHA and will remain confidential.

I DECLARE THE ABOVE TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT AND AM AWARE THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO PROVIDE FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: ______________________________ DATE: __________________________

BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE

2017 APPLICATION FORM
Reference: 999 999 999A

Parent Name
PO Box or Street Address
SUBBURB WA POSTCODE

10 November 2016

Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)

Payment on 27/01/2017
Basic Boarding Allowance / Term $1,996.02
Total $1,996.02

Payment on 19/04/2017
Basic Boarding Allowance / Term $2,018.20
Total $2,018.20

Payment on 12/07/2017
Basic Boarding Allowance / Term $2,040.38
Total $2,040.38

Payment on 04/10/2017
Basic Boarding Allowance / Term $2,040.38
Total $2,040.38

Information used for calculating your regular payment
Entitlement for 2017 ........... $8,095.00

PAYMENT FOR
Student Name

Important Information

Contact information

If you have any questions about this letter please ring:

132 318 OR 13 1202 for Multilingual Services

Monday — Friday 8.00 am — 5.00 pm
(Please quote reference number 604 176 578L )

Your local Centrelink Office:
Victoria Park 6100

Office Hours:

www.centrelink.gov.au